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Cancel claims 5/7.

Remarks

The above amendments are made to further clarify the invention, and in particular to point out the distinctions between the present invention and the prior art, which shows multiple calendering steps. It is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, now define over the prior art of record. The amendments above find support in the originally-filed specification, particularly at p. 2, lines 33-34 ("the only calendering process"), and p. 4, lines 33-34 ("a fibrous web is first formed from drawn and undrawn ... synthetic fibers and subsequently calendered").

Non-elected claims 5-7 have been canceled, without prejudice to the filing of those claims in a divisional or continuation application.

For each of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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